

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 16, as follows:

Still referring to FIG. ~~[[3B]]~~ 3A, the discharge tube 57 includes a third wire or capacitively coupled electrode 71 placed adjacent the discharge tube 57. The third wire 71 extends along an interventional device and communicates with the reference ground of a power discharge source. The third wire 71 improves the flash output of the discharge tube 57 by providing an approximately equipotential charge along the length of the discharge tube 57, thereby improving reliability, while reducing the peak voltage needed for flash onset.

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